

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order:

00:00:02

By **CHAIRMAN JIM PETERSON**, on January 10, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., in
Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jim Peterson, Chairman (R)
Rep. Christopher Harris, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Dee L. Brown (R)
Rep. Paul Clark (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Larry Jent (D)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 57, 1/6/2005; HB 77, 1/6/2005;
HB 147, 1/6/2005

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 77

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:48 REP. BERNIE OLSON (R), HD 10, opened the hearing
on HB 77, Increase septic pumper application
review fees.

EXHIBIT(nah06a01)

Amendment discussed

00:05:55

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:44 REP. JOHN WARD with Amendment
00:09:19 Edward A. Thamke, Bureau Chief, Montana Department
of Environmental Quality

EXHIBIT(nah06a02)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:08:55 REP. JOHN WARD without Amendment

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:23 REP. BROWN
00:13:58 REP. JOPEK
00:15:39 REP. ROSS

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:04 REP. BERNIE OLSON (R), HD 10, closed the hearing
on HB 77.

HEARING ON HB 147

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:41

REP. PAUL CLARK (D), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 147, Allow
multiple small quarries under one operating permit.

EXHIBIT(nah06a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:28 Warren McCullough, Department of Environmental
Quality

EXHIBIT (nah06a04)

00:28:07 Art Vail, Plum Creek Timber Company, Flathead Unit

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:21 REP. ROSS
00:31:13 REP. EVERETT
00:33:16 REP. FUREY

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:04 REP. PAUL CLARK (D), HD 13, closed the hearing on
HB 147.

HEARING ON HB 57

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:09

REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HB 57,
DEQ cost recovery for hazardous substance releases.

00:40:20 Amendment

EXHIBIT (nah06a05)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:41:53 Derek Goldman, Montana Audubon

EXHIBIT (nah06a06)

00:43:11 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council
00:43:31 Jeff Barber, Montana Environmental Information
Center

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:44:09 Sandy Olson, Dept of Environmental Quality

EXHIBIT (nah06a07)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:46	REP. JOPEK
00:46:48	REP. ROSS
00:48:17	REP. WANZENRIED
00:50:23	REP. HEINERT
00:53:47	REP. FUREY
00:55:01	CHAIRMAN PETERSON
00:55:54	REP. CLARK
00:58:27	REP. HEINERT
01:01:15	CHAIRMAN PETERSON
01:02:56	REP. EVERETT
01:04:23	REP. BARRETT
01:05:05	REP. JOPEK

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:48	REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS (D), HD 66, closed the hearing on HB 57.
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:10 P.M.

REP. JIM PETERSON, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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